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OF
That Reverend Divine,
AND
Learned Historian,
Dr. THOMAS FULLER.

Si post Fata venit Gloria, sic propero,

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His reverend per-
son deceased, who
while he stined
bere gave a full Meridian
light to all kind of History,
sets with this Shadow
in his own, the dark side of
that Lanthon to himself,
whose lucidations had dis-
covered all before it, and
rescued so many brave me-

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moires from the violence of
time. Piety it is that makes ex-
cellent persons (for it is their
common Fate) should be so
neglectfull of Themselves,
while they are so ~~neglectfull~~ le-
to the world. ~~neglectfull~~ ~~neglectfull~~
all with a carele- ~~neglectfull~~
gratefull return to the Au-
thors of their store and in-
crease.

And as the intrinscall
worth of Diamonds exerts
not its lustre without a fayl;
so it fareth with the most
costly and rich spines of

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those resplendent and shining
virtues, enited in the me-
mory and fame of worthy
men, w^{ch} are alwaies shew-
ed by Lamp, or some other
fæcacious and borrowed
Light, that onely directs
to the solemnity and invites
veneration, but cannot con-
tribute nor adde any real
æstimate and honour to the
Saint himself.

The account of this Re-
verend Doctor deceased
states it self in this Apology:
it pretends not to be any of
his

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in his least & inconsiderable
Relique, and it doth alike
justify it self from being his
own Legend; meerly the worth
of so deserving a person,
(which no Pen hath yet un-
dertook or attempted) for
civillities sake, hath obliged
me to this Essay, which to your
easiest conſideration here sub-
mitteth.

Vale.

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The Life of the reverend and excellent Doctor *THOMAS FULLER.*

THe ample subject of this incompetent relation is Doctor *Thomas Fuller*, to whose dust we do avowedly consecrate this Elogie *the Doctor of FAMOUS MEMORI*.

He was born at *All Wincle* an obscure Town in *Northamptonshire*, some five miles from *Oundle* in the year of our Lord 1610—a place now equalled to, and vying honour with any seed-plot (in that county) of virtue, learning, and Religion; and of which hereafter to its glory

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it shall be said, That this MAN was
born There.*

He was the Son of Mr. Tho. Fuller, the Minister of the same Town, a man of a blameless and as private life, who spent himselfe in the discharge of his Pastoral office to wch God had called him, without embarquing himselfe in the busie controversies of his time, that laboured under the fatigues of most importunate puritanism and蟠ding popery.

Part of this privacy beftorred itfelfe fruitfully upon the youth of the venerable Doctor, (who had lost sometime under the ill menage of a raw and unskillfull Schoolmaster) so that in a little space such a proficiency was visibly seen in him, that it was a question whether he owed more to his father for his birth or education, both which had so happily and so easily concurred, that he was admirably learned

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learned before it could be supposed he had been taught ; and this will seem no paradox to those who knew his felicity of memory which he owed not to the lubricity of Art, but the certainty of Nature.

Having under this tuition past the just time of Adolescency in those puerile studies, at twelve years of age, this hopefull slip was translated to Cambridge, where he first settled in *Queens-Colledge*, of which a near kinsman of his Dr. -- was then President. This was a sphere wherein his reueent vertues and conspicuous abilities had room to exert themselves, so that he filled the eyes of that University with a just expectation of his future lustre.

Here he successively passed the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts, with such generall commendation, and at such unusuall age;

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that such a Commencement was not within memory.

During his residence in this Colledge a Fellowship was vacant, for which the Doctor became Candidate, prompted thereunto by a double plea of merit and interest, besides the desire of the whole house; but a Statute of the Colledge prevailing against them all, which admitted not two Fellows of the said County of *Northampton*, the Doctor quitted his pretensions and designation to that preferment. And though he was well assured of a dispensation, from the strict limitation of that Statute, to be obtained for him, yet he totally declined it, as not willing to owe his rise and advancement to the courtesy of so ill a Precedent, that might usher in more immodest intrusions upon the priviledges and laws of the Colledge.

But this gave him a fair occasion
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to transfer himselfe to *Sidney Colledge*, whither by some of his choice and learned friends, he had often been invited. He had not long been here, but he was chosen Minister of *St. Bennet's* parish in the Town of *Cambridge*, in whose Church he offered the *Primitie* of his Ministeriall Fruits, which like *Apples of Gold in pictures of Silver* (sublime Divinity in the most ravishing Elegancies) attracted the audience of the University, by whose dilated commendations, he was generally known at that age at which most men do but peep into the world.

These his great sufficiencies (being now but about the age of twenty three years) tendered him a Prebendary of *Salisbury*, and at the same time a Fellowship in *Sidney Colledge*. They were both eximious preferments as the times then were, the estimation of either being equally great

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great *mutatis mutandis* ; but the Doctors inclination byassed him to the more active and profitable incumbency , into which his inbred piety and devotion had from the first of his resolutions inducted him. Whereupon he retired from that University and betook himself to the Priestly Function, being thereunto ordained by the right reverend Father in God the Bishop of *Salisbury*.

This being the Kings Donation, was some further reason for abandoning his most pleasant studies and conversation in *Cambridge*, for that also by the Statutes of both Universities it is provided , that no person who shall have Ten pound *per annum* in the Kings books shall be capable of a Fellowship in either of them. So providence was pleased to dispose of him in each of these Accademical honorary intendments , that his fluent

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fluent should not run silently in those streams, contribute only to their Emanations, but with Fame discharge it selfe into the Ocean, reciprocate Honour and Desert, with the World.

Having thus lancht and being so furnished he set forth in the course of the Ministry, exchanging those delightful privacies of his Colledg-Studies (which laid the happy Foundations and beginnings of those Excellent Books, which successively teemed those productions and propagations of divine Learning and Knowledge, of which more hereafter,) for the troublesome Cure of a Parish and importunate Pulpit.

That Prebend of *Salisbury* was a commodious step to another more profitable place, which for its vicinity to that Cathedral, and being in the same Diocese, did easily commend it self, without the aid and

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and instance of the Patron, or other inducements, to the Doctors acceptance ; but yet he did not over-readily entertain the kindness of the proffer till after a serious scrutiny of himself and his Abilities to discharge the requisite duties the place called for ; and after a very full and satisfactory enquiry of his Parishioners ;

It was the Rectory of Broad *Wincor* in *Dorsetshire*, a place far distanced from his native Country, & remoter from his University. *A Prophet hath no Honour in his own* ; and therefore it was doubled to him in another. The Accommodation both in reference to his maintenance and respect from this people was very noble, and which afforded great expedience to the Doctors other labours, which were bountifully cherished under the tuition of his Ministry.

After some while employed here in

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in the pastoral Office, the Doctor was desired by some Friends to dignifie his Desert, with the Degrees, which his Time and standing by the Rules of the University afforded him: whereunto the Doctor out of a reverence to his Honourable Calling was well inclined, and accordingly prepared for his departure to *Cambridge* to take the Degree of Batchelour of Divinity.

Having taken care therefore to supply his place for the time of his absence, at his setting forth he was acquainted that 4 of his chief Parishioners with his good leave, were ready to wait on him to *Cambridge*, to testifie their exceeding engagements, it being the sense and request of his whole Parish; This kindness was so present and so resolutely prest, that the Doctor with many thanks for that and other demonstrations of their Love towards

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wards him, gladly accepted of their
Company, and with his customary
innate pleasantness entertain-
ed their time to the Journies
end.

At his coming to Cambridge he
was most welcomely treated and
saluted by his friends and acquain-
tance, and visited almost by all
considerable persons of the Uni-
versity and Town; especially of his
Parishioners of St. Bennet: Fame
and Love vying which should
render him most Addresses, to the
great delight and satisfaction of his
fellow-Travellers and Neighbours
in having a Minister who was so
highly and yet no less deservedly
honoured, but to the Trouble of
the modest Doctor, who was then
forced to buse his invention with
Complements, to which he was
most naturally averse.

At this Commencement there
proceeded with him in the same
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Degree of Batchelour of Divinity
three other reverend persons, all
with general applause and com-
mendation; and therefore to doe
them no wrong must forbear to
give the Deceased Doctor his par-
ticular due: Only thus much by
the way may be added, that this
Commencement cost the Doctor
for his particular the sum of seven-
score pounds, an evidence of his
liberality and largenesse of mind
proportionable to his other capa-
city's, and yet then which nothing
was lesse studied.

At his departure he was dismis-
sed with as Honourable valedicti-
ons, and so he returned in the same
company (who had out of their
own purse contributed another ad-
dition of honour to that solemnity)
to his said Rectory at Broad
Winſor ſolving there to ſpend
himſelfe and the time of his pil-
grimage amonſt his deare and lo-
ving charge; In

In the amanity and retirements of this rurall life some perfection was given to those pieces, wch soon after blest this age (an account of all which is reserved to the conclusion of these Collections:) from this pleasant prospect he drew that excellent Piece of the *Holy Land*, *Pisgah sight*, and other Tracts relating thereto; so that what was said bitterly of some Tyrants, that they made whole Countries vast solitudes and desarts, may be inverted to the Eulogie of this Doctor, that he in these recesses made desarts, the solitudes of *Israel*, the frequented path and track of all ingenuous and studious persons.

But Contemplation and the immurement of his vast spirit, within the precincts of his Parish, (although both delightfull and profitable, those foraign Travels of his brain above mentioned affording the One, and his pious labour

at home yeilding the other) grew
reduous and wearisom to his active
and free Genius, which was framed
by nature for converse, and general
Intelligence, not to be smothered in
such an obscurity.

To this inclination also the un-
quietness and trepidations of those
times (then scared with the news
of a war about Religion and refor-
mation which the Scots pretended)
did oversway him. He was very
sensible whither those first com-
motions did tend, and that some
heavy disaster did in those angry
clouds which impended over the
Nation, more particularly threaten
the Clergy. He was then also mar-
ried unto a vertuous young Gen-
tlewoman, and by her had born
there his eldest son now a hopefull
plant in the same Colledge and U-
niversity where his Father had his
education. These motives concur-
ring with that generall fame and
esteem

esteem of him, drew him to the consultation of a City life, where both security, honour, and the advantages of learning did demonstratively promise the completion of his desires & intended tranquillity, destined already to some publique workes which were then in designtment.

Removing therefore to *London* having obtained his fair dismission from that charge in the Countrey he continued his pious endeavour of preaching in most of the voyced Pulpits of *London*, (being cryed up for one of the most excellent preachers of his age) but most usually in the Inns of Court.

He was from thence by the Master and Brotherhood of the *Saw* (as well as earnestly desired and inscreated by that small parish complemented to accept of the Lecturers place; which having undertaken after some instance, he

did most piously and effectually discharge, witness the great confluence of affected Hearers from di-
stinct congregations, insomuch that his own Cure were (in a sense) ex-
communicated from the Church, unless their timous diligence kept pace with their devotion; the Do-
ctor affording them no more time for their extraordinaries on the
Lords day, then what he allowed his habituated abstinence on all the
rest. He had in his parrow Chappel two Audiences, one without the
pale, the other within; the windows of that little Church, and the Sex-
tuary so crowded, as if Bees had swarmed to his mellifluous dis-
course.

He continued here to the great satisfaction of his people, and the neighbouring Nobility & Gentry, till our unhappy unnatural warres had made a dismal progress through the whole Nation: labou-
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ring all that while in private and in publique to beget a right understanding among all men of the Kings most righteous cause, which through seduction and popular fury was generally maligned. His exhortations to peace and obedience were his constant subjects in the Church, (all his Sermons were such Liturgies) while his secular daies were spent in vigorously promoting the Kings affairs either by a sudden reconciliation or potent assistance.

To this end on the Anniversary day of his late Majesties inauguration, which was the 29th day of March 1642. hee preached at St. Peters Westminster on this Text, 2 Sam. 19. 30. *Te let him take all so that my Lord the King return in peace.* A Theame so distastfull to the ring-leaders of the Rebellion (who had on purpose so scandalously driven him from his Court & Parliament, that

that he might never with any pleasure thinke of returning to them till he had vindicated his Honour upon the abettors of those Tumults) and so well and loyally enforc'd by him, that drew not only a suspicion from the moderate mislead party of Parliament, but an absolute *odium* on him from the *Grandees* and *Principals* in the Rebellion.

There were few or none of the Orthodox Clergy then remaining within their Lines of Communication (new invented Limits for the Cities old Liberties) some being dead in restraint or through more harsh and cruel dealing, the rest outed and silenced; so that their inspection & spyall was confined almost to the Doctors *Pulpit* as to publique Assemblies; where nevertheless he desisted not nor altered from his main course, the Doctrine of Allegiance, till

such time as the *Covenant* was obtruded upon his Conscience, and must through his persuasions be likewise prest upon his people.

Several false rumours and cavils there are about his carriage and opinion touching that sacrilegious thing by persons, who were distanced as far from the knowledge of those passages, as fortunately from being concerned and engaged within the reach of that snare. 'Twas not onely easy but most prudential, for other Ecclesiastical persons to quit their *Livings*, who were out of the gripes and clutches of those ravenous *Reformists*, in order to keep their conscience inviolable; but it was difficulty enough of it self for the Doctor to escape and get out of that place, where the next preferment would have been a *Dungeon*.

Some velitations, transient discourses he made about that frequent

quent and thumb'd subject of the reformation, the rather to suspend the busie censures of the *Parliament* and their party ; wherein, though he seemed to comply, (but as far as the Rule and Example would allow) and indulge the misapprehension of those men, yet these his charitable disguises could not obscure him from the severe animadversions of several Ministers Eminent in those Reforming Times, particularly Mr. *Saltmarsh*. The Contest betwixt them is so known in print, that it will be needless to trouble the Reader with it here : Only thus much by digression in honour of this venerable Doctor : Mr. *Saltmarsh* being long since dead, He hath in his Book of the *Worthies General of England* (of which hereafter) given him a most Honourable mention, and assigned him the place of his Birth, Education and Burial, regi-

string him for an Ornament of them all: so Resplendent and Durable was the Doctors Charity. I may not omit one thing, that the Doctor in recording and relating of the Death of the said Mr. *Salmarsh*, doth passionately reflect on the shortnesse of his life and the acutenesse of that Sicker which so violently ended him, reducing and applying it to the uncertainty of his own state, & we now unhappily see those curious presages of his Pen verified and accomplished in his most immature and sudden decease.

To return to our Subject, in the beginning of the year 1643. the said *Covenant* was generally pres-
sed, and a very great persecution soon after followed it. The Doctor was settled in the love and affecti-
ons of his own *Parish*, besides other obligations to his numerous Fol-
lowers; so that the *Covenant* then
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tended might seem like the bright side of that cloud (promising serenity and prosperity to him, as was insinuated to the Doctor by many great *Parliamentarians*) which shewred down after a little remotenesse, such a black horrible tempest upon the Clergy, nay the Church and three Kingdomes. But the good Doctor could not bow down his knee to that *Baal-Berith*, nor for any worldly considerations (enough whereof invited him even to fall down and worship, men of his great parts being infinitely acceptable to them) lend so much as an Ear to their serpentine charas of Religion and Reformation.

Since therefore he could not continue with his Cure without his Conscience, and every day threatened the imposition of that illegal Oath, he resolved to betake himself to Gods providence, and

to put himself directly under it, waving all indirect means and Advantages whatsoever towards his security. In order therunto, in April 1643. he deserted the City of London, and privately conveyed himself to Oxford, to the no less sudden amazement of the Faction here, who yet upon recollection quickly found their mistake, then to the unexpected content and joy of the Loyal party there, who had every day *Jobs* Messengers of the plundering, ruines and imprisonments of Orthodox Divines.

Oxford was then the common refuge and shelter of such persecuted persons, so that it never was nor is like to be a more Learned University, (one Breast being dried up by Cromwells visitation, the Milk resorted to the other) nor did ever Letters and Arms so well consist together, it being an accomplished Academy of Both:

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Among the multitude of those new comers like the clean beasts to the Ark, when the waters increased, the KING (the most excellent intelligent Prince of the abilities of his Clergy) vouchsafed the Doctor the Honour of preaching before him in St: *Maries*, where with the like moderation he laid open the blessings of an accommodation, as being too too sensible and that so recently of the virulence and impotent rage, though potent arms, of the disloyal *Londonders*, which as the Doctor then Christianly thought, could not better be allayed then by a fair condiscension in matters of *Church Reformation*.

It seems some particulars in that Sermon gave offence to some at Court, as if the good Doctor were a Luke-warm Royalist, and did not thoroughly own his Majesties Cause; which ill grounded conceit,

though he were well satisfied in that his plea for Composure) did not a little trouble him: to explain and free himself, an opportunity was wanting both of *Pulpit* and *Pulpit*, and the hurry of the War gave not his prejudiced Hearers leisure for his particular vindication. He resolved therefore strenuously to evince his faithful Loyalty to the *King* by another kind of Argument, by appearing in the *King's* Armies, to be a Preacher Militant to his Souldiers:

This Resolution Providence was pleased to favour by an Honourable Friends recommendation of the Doctor to my Lord *Hopton*, who was then to chuse a Chaplain. This noble Lord, though as courageous and expert a Captain, and successful withal, as the *King* had any, was never averse to an amicable cloſure of the War upon fair and honourable terms, and did therefore

therefore well approve of the Doctor, and his desires and pursuit after peace. The good Doctor was likewise infinitely contented in his Attendance on such an Excellent Personage, whose conspicuous and noted Loyalty could not but derive the same reputation to his retainers, especially one so near his conscience as his Chaplain, and so wipe off that stain, which the mistakes of those Men had cast on him. In this entendment God was pleased to succeed the Doctor and give him victory (proper to the Camp he followed) against this first attempt on his Honour.

During the *Campania* and while the Army continued in the Field, he performed the duty of his holy Function, with as much solemn Piety and Devotion, as he used before in places consecrated to Gods Worship; and according to the form used and appointed by the

the Church of ENGLAND: In all Emergencies and present Enterprizes, using no other prayers, than what the care of the Fathers of the Church, had in those miserable exigences newly directed. To this he added constant preaching on the Lords day, animating in his Sermons the Souldiers to fight couragiouſly and to demean themselves worthy of that glorious Cause with which God had honoured them.

With the progress of the War he marched from place to place, and where ever there happened for the better accōmodation of the Army any reasonable stay, he allotted it with great satisfaction to his belovēd studies. Those cessations and intermissions, begot in him the most intentnesse and follicitous industry of mind, which as he never used to much recreation or diversion in times of peace, which might

might loose and relasch a well disciplin'd spirit; so neither did the horrour and rigidnesse of the war stiffen him in such a stupidity (which generally possess all Learned Men) or else distract him, but that in such lucid intervals, he would seriously and fixedly come to himself and his designed businesse.

Indeed his businesse and study then, was a kind of Errantry, having proposed to himself a more exact Collection of the *Worthies General of England*, in which others had waded before, but he resolved to go through. In what place soever therefore he came, of remark especially, he spent frequently most of his time in views and researches of their Antiquities and Church-Monuments, insinuating himself into the acquaintance (which frequently ended in a lasting friendship) of the learnedst and

and gravest persons residing within the place, that he might inform himself fully of those things he thought worthy the commendation of his labours. It is an incredible thing to think what a numerous correspondence the Doctor maintained and enjoyed by this means.

Nor did the good Doctor ever refuse to light his Candle in investigating Truth from the meanest persons discovery. He would endure contentedly an hours or more impertinence from any aged Church-officer, or other superannuated people for the gleaning of two lines to his purpose. And though his spirit was quick and nimble, and all the faculties of his mind ready and answerable to that activity of dispatch, yet in these inquests he would stay and attend those *circular* rambles till they came to a poynt; so resolute

was he bent to the sifting out of abstruse Antiquity. Nor did he ever dismiss any such feeble Adjutators or Helpers (as he pleased to style them) without giving them money and chearful thanks besides.

After the Fight at *Cheriton Down* my Lord *Hopton* drew down with his Army and Artillery to *Basing*, and so marched that way to *Oxford*, intending to take up Winter Quarters as soon as he had consulted with the King, and left the Doctor in that as courageously manned, as well fortified House, where he had scarce begun to reduce his marching Observations into Form and Method, but Sir *William Waller* having taken in *Winchester*, came to besiege the Doctors Sanctuary. This no way animated or terrified him, but onely the noyse of the Canon playing from the Enemies League interruped

rupted the prosecution of digesting his Notes, which trouble he recompenced to them by an unfortunate spiriting of the Defendants in their Sallies ; which they followed so close and so bravely, suffering the Besiegers scarce to eat or sleep, that Sir *William* was compelled to raise his Siege and march away, leaving above a thousand men slain behind him ; and the DOCTOR the pleasure of seeing that strong Effort of Rebellion in some way by his means repulsed and defeated, and in being free to proceed in his wonted intendments.

What time the Doctor continued here is very uncertain ; sure we may be he was not an unemploy'd or an unacceptable Guest to that Loyal Garrison, and that as Noble and Honourable Marquesse the Proprietary of the Place ; the Demolishing of which princely Edifice

sice then standing in spight of their potent Armes, yet afterwards through the Fortune of War being fallen into their hands and razed by their more impotent revenge, he doth heartily lament in his *Worthies Generall*, preferring it while it flourished, for the chiefest Fabrick in *Hantshire*. This his kindness to the place of his Refuge though no doubt true and deserved enough, yet no questionlesse was indeared in him, by some more peculiar obliging regards and respects he found during his abode there; though indeed his worth could want and misse them no where.

The next removal of the Doctor, was to his charge in the Army, and his particular duty of Chaplain to his said Lord. The War was then at its *Zenith*, hotter and more dilated, raging every where both in this and the two neighbouring King-

Kingdoms, so that there was no shelter or retirement, which it had not invaded and intruded into by unruly Garrisons, while the Country became a devasted Solitude, so that the Doctors Designe could proceed no where.

But that fatal War hasting to a sad and miserable end, success not answering the merit of the Cause, the Kings Field-forces being every where engaged, and part of the Loyal Army driven into *Cornwall*, under the Command of that skilful Captain, the good Doctor took refuge betimes in *Exeter*, having taken his Conge and Dismission of his beloved Lord.

Here again he resumed his Task of the aforesaid Worthies, not minding the cloud impending on that place, nor no way intermitting the Duty of his Calling, preaching constantly to those truly Loyal *Citizens*: It is a supernumerary

merary labour to acquaint the Reader with how great satisfaction and content, that alwayes and every where being annexed to his meanest endeavours.

During his stay in *Exeter*, the *Queen* having been delivered of her last Burden, (saving her sorrows and distresses) by the Birth of the Princesse *Henrietta*, the Learned Doctor was preferred to be the Infant-Ladies Chaplain; Her Royal Fathers intendment being, as he had educated the rest of his Princely, Issue to have her brought up in the Protestant Religion: To that end, the good Doctor in regard of his soundnesse and sincerity in that profession, and eminent famous Assertion of it, was designed to attend on her, to instill unto her tender mind (if God had pleased to continue her with safety within the limits of this Kingdome) the
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Principles and Belief of the *English* [Catholique] Church. This for the present was altogether Honorary and pointed only at his merit, which indeed was as much as the iniquity of those times would afford to any the most deserving Personages. But yet the King to signify his approbation of the Doctors excellent worth by a farther Testimony of it, soon afterwards gave him a Patent for his Presentation to the Town of *Dorchester* in *Dorsetshire*, a Living valued to be worth 400*l.* per *Annum*.

This Royal and bounteous Favour, the Doctor modestly declined, continuing his attendance on the Princesse till the Rendition of the City of *Exeter* to the Parliament ; Notwithstanding the Doctor accepted not of that other Preferment of *Dorchester* ; for that *London* was in his eye, as the most necessary and expedient place

place for finishing his aforesaid Book, to which place the Expiration of the War promised some kind of Access'e, which since it could not otherwise be, the Doctor did gladly submit to.

For General Fairfax, having by Treaty reduced and disbanded my Lord Hopton's Army in Cornwall, came directly back to besiege Exeter, which Garrison upon consideration that no relief could be expected, and that Resistance would but defer the resettling of the King and Kingdome, (presled also by the Enemy as a cogent argument for their Rendition,) having very Honourable and comprehensive Articles, both for their Conscience and Estates, delivered up the City to the Parliament Forces.

In these Articles the Doctor was included, and by the benefit of them, was without molestation

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or hindrance permitted to come to the City of *London*, where he presently recommenced his labours Enterprize, and by the additional helps of Books, the confluence and resort of Learned men his acquaintance to their fleecing Tyrannical Courts and Committees newly Erected, made such a progresse, that from thence he could take a fair prospect of his whole work.

Upon his first Arrival he came to his own (the Parish of *Savoy*) but they received him not, the face of things was so altered; many of his parishioners dead, others removed, all of them generally so overawed by an Imperious Rabbi of both Factions, *Presbytery* and *Independency*, one Mr. *Bond* formerly a Preacher at *Exeter*, then made by the pretended *Powers* Master of the *Savoy*. (The Doctor and he having countermarched, and

and changed ground, wherein different seed was sown of loyall Obedience and treasonable Sedition) that the Doctor might have said of his parish what a Learned Historian said in another greater Case, *Parochia in parochia querenda erat.*

But a Living was not the Design of the good Doctor, who knew how incompatible the *Times* and his *Doctrine* must needs be. However as oft as he had private opportunities he ceased not to assert the purity of the Church of *England*, bewailing the sad condition, into which the grievous abominable sins of the Nation had so far plunged it as to make it more miserable by bearing so many reproaches and calumnies grounded onely upon its calamity. But some glimmering Hopes of a settlement and understanding betwixt the *King* and the pretended

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Houses appearing; the pious Doctor betook himself to earnest prayers and petitions to God, that he would please to succeed that blessed work, doing that privately as a Christian, which he might not publiquely doe as a Subject, most fervently imploring, in those Families where his person and devotions were alike acceptable, the blessing of Restauration on this afflicted Church, and its defencelesse Defendant the King.

That desired Affaire went on slowly and uncertainly, but so did not the Doctors Book, for having recommended the first to the Almighty wisedome, he stood not still expecting the issue, but address himself to his study, affording no time but the leisure of his Meals, which was short, to the hearing of News, with which the minds and mouths of men were then full employed by the changeableness of the

the Army, who plaid fast and loose with the *King* and *Parliament*, till in conclusion they destroyed both.

Then indeed such an amazement struck the Loyal pious Doctor, when he first heard of that execrable Design intended against the Kings person, and saw the villainy proceed so uncontrollably, that he not onely surceased but resolved to abandon that lucklesse work (as he was then pleased to call it.) For what shall I write said he of the *Worthies of England*, when this Horrid Act, will bring such an infamy upon the whole Nation as will ever cloud and darken all its former, and suppress the future rising glories?

But when through the seared impiety of those men, that paricide was perpetrated, the good Doctor deserted not his study alone but forsook himself too, not

caring for or regarding his concerns (though the Doctor was none of the most providential Husband, by having store before-hand :) untill such time as his prayers, tears and fasting having better acquainted him with that sad dispensation, he began to revive from that dead pensiveness to which he had so long addicted himself.

He therefore now again renewed his former study, setting about it with unwearyed diligence: About this time also it happened that the Rectory of *Waltham Abby* being vacant, and in the disposal of the Right Honourable Earl of *Carlile*, since deceased, he voluntarily and desirously conferred it on the Doctor, and together made him his Chaplain, both which he very piously and profitably performed, being highly beloved by that Noble L O R D , and other Gentlemen

lemen and Inhabitants of the Parish.

About this time also many of the Orthodox Clergy began to appear again in the Pulpits of London through the zeal of some right worthy Citizens, who hungred after the true and sincere Word, from which they had so long been restrained ; among the Chiefe of whom was our good Doctor, being settled Lecturer for a time at St. Clements lane near Lombard-street, where he preached every Wednesday in the afternoon, to a very numerous and Christian Audience ; and shortly after from thence he was removed to St. Brides in Fleet-street in the same quality of Lecturer, the day being changed to Thursday, where he preached with the same efficacy and successse.

The Doctor having continued some 12 years a Widdower, the War finding him so, had the better relish

relisht the losse of his first Wife, by how much the freer it rendred him of care and trouble for her in those tumultuous times; so as by degrees it had almost settled in him a perswasion of keeping himself in that state. But now an honourable and advantagious Match presenting it self, and being recommended to him by the desires of his noble Friends, he consented to the Motion, taking to wife one of the Sisters of the right Honourable the Viscount *Baltingtasse*; by whom he hath issue one onely Son now six years old, a very hopeful Youth; having had by his former wife another Son of the age of 21 years or thereabouts, now a hopeful Student in *Cambridge*.

In the year 1655 when the usurping *Protector* had published an Interdict against Ecclesiastical persons, Schoolmasters and others, who had adhered to his late sacred

Majesty

Majesty, or affisted the present; whereby they were prohibited to perform any Ministerial Office, teach School, &c: upon several pains and forfeitures, the good Doctor forbere not to preach as he did before. The convincing power either of his Doctrine or his worth defending and keeping him out of the hands of that unreasonable Man:

This unchristian barbarous cruelty of that Tryal sorely afflicted the good Doctor in his first apprehensions of it, though after a little consultation and the encouragement of Friends, and the strong persuasions of his own conscience he came to a resolution to doe his duty as a Minister of *Christ*, and leave the issue to God. But he did not onely look upon this prohibition, in general as a severe punishment inflicted upon the Nation, by removing their Teachers into Corners,

Gorners, nay remote corners of the world if they disobey'd that *Edic*; but in particular (at first view of it) as some punishment or *infliction* on himself, as if God had refused him and laid him aside as not fit to serve him; and this he referred to his former remisness in the discharge of that high Function whereunto he was separated and called.

And now did he superabundantly exercise that grace of charity to all persons distrest and ruined by this sad occasion; what his own small Estate could not do, he helped out by exhorting and perswading all men of his acquaintance or Congregation, (for so was the Church of *England* reduced, even in that to the form of that Schisme that ruined it) or select Auditory; so that what by his powerfull Example and as strong perswasions, he did minister effectually

equally to their R E L I E F.

Not to omit one particular charitable office of this Doctor to the same kind of *Sufferers*: from the expiracion of the War, he constantly retained one that had been a Captain in the Royal Army, and whose fortunes and condition could neither keep him according to that degree, nor sustain or relieve him in any other. This the good Doctor did out of a Loyall and Honourable sense of such persons sufferings and contempts far unworthy their Cause or their Desert: and did therefore allow him 10*l.* yearly besides dyet and lodging till the Captain died.

About this time the Doctor became Chaplain to the right Honourable the Lord Berkley, having quitted Waltham, in *lieu* whereof this Lord presented him with the Living of Cranford --- in Middlesex (where his Body is now deposited)

deposited;) how infinitely well beloved he was there needs not be added to those accumulations of respect he found every where, for fear especially of resuscitating the recent grief of those Parishioners for his late lamented loss.

He was a little before wood also to accept of a *Living* at — in *Essex*, which for some respect he owed the *Patron* and to employ that rich Talent with which God had so bountifully trusted him, he undertook, and piously there continued his Labours till his Settlement at *London*.

In the Interim came out a Book of Dr. *Heylins*, called *Animadversions upon Mr. Fuller's Ecclesiastical History*, wherein somewhat tartly (though with that judicious learning for which that *Doctor* is most deservedly honoured) he taxed that Book of some Errors, &c. To this the *Doctor* replied by a Book in

style

styled *The Appeal of injured Innocence to the learned and ingenious Reader*, being a very modest but most rational and polite defence with the aforesaid exceptions against that elaborate Piece. The *Dispute and Controversie* was soon ended, the Oyl the *Doctor* bestowed on this labour, being poured into the fresh Wound of this Quarrel did so asswage the heat of the *Contest*, that it was soon healed into a perfect amicable closure and mutual endearment.

Indeed the grace that was super-eminent in the good *Doctor* was Charity, both in giving and forbearing; as he had laboured during our civil broils after peace, so when that could not through our sins be attained, did he with the same earnestnesse press the *Duty of Love*, especially among Brethren of the same afflicted and too much already divided Church; and

and therefore was most exemplary in keeping the band of it himself, though in a matter that most nearly concerned his credit and fame the chiefest worldly Thing he studied and intended.

This constrained retrospect of the *Doctors* to secure and assist the far advanced strength of his foremost works, did a little retard and impede the arriere of his labours, which consisted of the flower and choice of all his Abilities and wherein his *WORTHIES* were placed ; howbeit this proved but a Halt, to those encumbrances and difficulties, which he had all along before met, and soon set the Book on foot again.

This was the last *Remora* to it, the *Doctor* going on a smooth swift pace while all things else were retrograde in the Kingdome through the tyrannical plots and stratagems of the *Usurper Cromwell*.

so as toward the beginning of that
mirabilis Anno 1660. he had it
ready for the Press, to which as soon
as the wonders of his *Majesties Re-*
stitution was over, (in the thank-
ful contemplation whereof the
good Doctor was so piously fixt as
nothing else might presume to in-
trude upon his raised gladded spi-
rit) he brought it, taking the *au-*
spice of that happy and famous
junction of time for the Com-
mencement of this Everlasting
Monument of himself as well as all
other English Noble deceased Per-
sons.

A while before to compleat the
Doctor's contentment as to his Mi-
nistry also, he was invited to his
former Lecturers place at the *Savoy*,
who even from his departure had
suffered under an insufficient or
diloyal and malicious Clergy;
and therefore stood in need of an
able and dutiful Son of the *Church*

to reduce and lead them in the right way and the old paths; For this *People* (his ancient flock) the Doctor had alwayes a more especial respect and kindness, which was the rather heightened in him out of a compassion to their state and condition. Nor did he then tenderly affect them then they universally respect him, receiving him (as indeed he was) as an *Angel of God*, sent to minister unto them heavenly things, in exchange whereof they freely gave him their hearts and hands.

The Doctor through the injury and iniquity of the times had for neer 20 years been barred of all *Profits* of his *Prebendariship of S. lisbury* (of which before,) but upon the return of the King, those Revenues and Possessions so saefegously alienated from the Church reverted also to their rightful Proprietors. This accession and ad-

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ditional Help did very much encourage the Doctor in the carrying on of his Book, which being large would require an able *Purse* to go through with, and he was very solicitous, (often presaging he should not live to see it finished though satisfied of his present healthy constitution) to have it done out of hand ; to which purpose part of the Money accredwing to him from his *Salisbury* Prebendariship was designed.

He therefore hastned his Book with all Expedition, and whereas he had intended to continue it but till 1659. and had therefore writ it in such language as those times of *Usurpation* (during the most part of which it was compiled) would suffer such a subject & concerning Matter to be drest in ; he now reviewed it over, giving Truth, and his own most excellent Phansie their proper becoming Ornaments,

Scope and Clearnesse. But neither the elevation of the *Usurpers*, nor the depression of the *Royallists*, and the *Vice-versa* of it did ever incline or sway him to additions, intercalations or expunctions of persons, whom he hath recommended to the world for *Worthies*; no such thing as a *Pym* or *Protector* whom the mad world cryed up for *Brave*: Drops of compassionate tears they did force from him, but his resolute *Inke* was not to be stained by their *black* actions. A Pen full of such, would serve to blot out the whole Roll of Fame.

This constancy of the Doctors to his first model and main of his design doth most evidently argue his firm perswasion and belief of the reviving of the *Royall Cause*, since he wrote the most part during those improbable times of any Restitutions, and he had very ill

ill consulted his own advantage if he had not well consulted the Oracles of God.

As the last felicity of this Doctor's life, he was made Chaplain in Extraordinary to his *Majesty*, being also in a well grounded expectation of some present further advancement ; but here Death stept in and drew the Curtain betwixt him, and his succeeding Ecclesiastical Dignities.

And would a Curtain were drawn here too, that the sad remainder of this Task were enjoyed to the last Trump, when we shall know likewise wherefore *God* was pleased to take him from us, and be satisfied with his providence; Pity the envious should find such an imperfection in him as Death ; pity the grateful should mourn so long and so much for the losse of him, and his most incomparable Gifts and Endow-

The life of
ments, without any redress — but
infanos Fullere jubes removere Dolores — we must continue our dis-
course though upon a discontinued
subject, and write the much de-
plored *Death of Doctor Fuller*:

Having in *August* returned from *Salisbury*, whither he went to settle
and *Let his Revenue as Prebend* of that *Deanery*, he returned to his
Charge at London. It was a very
sickly time in the Country, the
distempers most rife were *Feverish Agues*, the *disease* of which our *Do-
ctor* dyed; and therefore it was
judged, that he had brought the
infection of his disease thence,
which broke out violently upon
him soon after his return, (Doctor
Nicholas the reverend *Dean of Pauls*
dying neer the same time upon his
coming from the same place.) For
being desired to preach a *Marriage
Sermon* on *Sunday* the twelfth of

August

August for a Kinsman of his, who was to be wedded the day after; the good Doctor lovingly undertook it; but on that Sunday dinner felt himself very much indisposed, complaining of a diziness in his Head: whereupon his Son intreated him that he would go and lie down on bed, and forbear preaching that Afternoon, informing him how dangerous those symptomes were; but the Doctor would not be perswaded, but to Church he would go and perform his promise to his Friend; saying, *he had gone up often into the Pulpit sick but always came well down again, and he hoped he should doe as well now through Gods strengthening grace.*

Being in the Pulpit, he found himself very ill, so that he was apprehensive of the danger; and therefore before his Prayer address himself thus to his Congregation. I

“ find my self very ill, but I am
“ resolved by the grace of God to
“ preach this Sermon to you here
“ though it be my last. A sad
preſage and more ſadly verified.

He proceeded in his *Prayer* and *Sermon* very perfectly till in the middle, (never using himſelf to Notes, other then the beginning word of each Head or Division) he began to falter, but not ſo much out but that he quickly recollect-
ed himſelf, and very pertinently concluded. After he had a while ſate down, he was not able to rise again, but was fain to be led down the *Pulpit* stairs by two men into the Reading place, He had pro-
mised also to Christen a Child (of a very good friend of his) then in the Church, and the *Parent* did earnestly importune him to do it, and the good *Doctor* was as willing as he defiring; but the *Doctor's* ſon ſhewing

shewing him the extreme danger there was of his Father, he desisted from his request.

Much adoe there was to persuade the Doctor to go home in a *Sedan*, he saying still he should be well by and by, and would go along with them ; but at last finding himself worse and worse he yielded to go but not to his old Lodgings (which were convenient for him in the *Savoy*) but to his new One in *Covent-garden*. Being come thither they had him to bed, and presently sent for Doctor *Scarborough*, but he being in the Country Doctor *Charlton* came, who with the exactest skill and care possible, address himself to the recovery of the Good Doctor. The Disease was judged by him to be a violent malignant Feavour, such as then raged every where, and was better known by the name of the new Disease, which like a plague

Plague had swept away a multitude of people throughout the Kingdome. Therefore *Phlebotomy* was directed, and some Twenty Ounces of blood taken from him, and yet nevertheless the Paroxysmes continued, having totally bereft the Doctor of all sense, so much as to give any the least account of his Condition; the Physicians Art being at a losse, and not able to advise any further, against the unsuperable violence and force of the distemper.

Yet in this Sad and Oppressed Condition, some comfortable signes and assurances were given by the Good Doctor, by his frequent lifting up his Hands and his Eyes; which Devotion ended in the folding of his Armes, and Sighes, fetcht questionlesse from perfect Contrition for this Life, and from an earnest desire after, and hope of that to come.

Tuesday Aust. 14. the good Doctor gave sad symptoms of a prevailing disease, and Dr. *charlton* despair'd of his recovery, his *Feaver* being so fierce and pertinacious and which resisted all Remedies. As was said almost from the very first decumbency, which was near as soon as he was ill, his senses were seized and surprised, with little or no remission of the distemper, which caused him to talk sometimes, but of nothing more frequently than his Books, calling for Pen and Ink, and telling his sorrowful Attendants that by and by, he should be well, and would write it out-- &c. But on *Wednesday* noon the presages of a dislodging soul were apparent in him; for Nature being overpowered, the Vitals burnt up by such a continual Heat; his lamp of life began to decay, his *Feaver* and strength abating together, so that it pleased God to restore

store to him the use of the faculties of his soul, which he very devoutly and thankfully employed, in a Christian preparation for Death, earnestly imploring the prayers of some of his reverend Brethren with him, who then were sorrowful Visitors of him in these his last Agonies, which accordingly was performed, the good Doctor with all the intentnesse of piety joining with them, and recommending himself with all humble thankfulness and submission to Gods welcome Providence. Nay so highly was he affected with Gods pleasure concerning him, that he could not endure any person to weep or cry, but would earnestly desire them to refrain, highly extolling and preferring his Condition, as a translation to a blessed eternity:

Nor would he therefore endire to hear any thing of the world or worldly

worldly matters, for the settling and disposition whereof he had before made no provision, and was desired by some to give some present direction, for the better accommodating the several concerns of his Family : but the Doctor totally rejected any thoughts of those matters, having his mind engaged and prepossess'd with things of ravishing and transcendent Excellencies. Even his beloved Bock aforesaid the darling of his soul, was totally neglected, not a syllable dropping from him in reference to the perfecting and finishing thereof, which he had now brought so neer to the Birth. Nothing but Heaven and the perfections thereof, the consummations of Grace in Glory, must fill up the room of his capacious soul, which now was flitting and ready to take wing to those mansions of bliss.

For

The Life of

For on Thursday morning Aug. 16
1668: this reverend and painful Mi-
nister of Christ Jesus, having fini-
shed his Course, and run the Race
that was set before him and fought
a good Fight, breath'd out this
wearied spirit into the hands of his
Redeemer to his own everlasting
Fruition and Consolation, but to
the irreparable losse and very ex-
ceeding sorrow of all men, to
whom Religion, Piety, Virtue,
and super-eminent Learning were
ever acceptable. And what ever
the present envious world may
think, unprejudiced Posterity will
undoubtedly erect him a shrine,
and pay him those *justa* of Ho-
nour and Fame, which to his *memory*
most duly and rightly do
belong.

After he had laid a while dead,
an eruption of blood burst from
his Temples, which was conje-
ctured to have been long settled
there,

there, through too much study, in the methodizing and compleatting those various *Pieces* in his **MORTIES GENERALE**, of which he was prophetically affraid he should never live to see the finishing.

He was buried at the desire and at the Cofts of the right Honourable his Noble *Patron* the Lord *Berkley* at his Parish of *Cramford* in *Middlesex*, in the Chancel of the said Church, and attended thither by at least Two hundred of his Brethren of the Ministry, such a solemn Assembly being scarce to be parallel'd, where the reverend Dean of *Rochester* Dr. *Hardy* preached his Funeral Sermon; being a very elegant, and extraordinary pathetickall deploration of so great a losse, which hath not yet (though it is hoped and much desired may) passe the *Press*; to which Learned *Piece* with

The Life of
with all humble submission be re-
ferred the *Praises and Commenda-
tions* of this Deceased DOCTOR,
being thereby so excellently well
transmitted to his Everlasting
Rest.

But

the author of this life, in his
desire to give a full and
exact account of the life
and actions of this eminent
man, has been led by a
natural and unavoidable
curiosity to inquire into
the religious principles and
the sentiments of his
mind, and to ascertain
the character and manners
of his conversation, and
the conduct of his life, in
order to give a just and
true representation of his
manners, and to shew
the extent of his knowledge
and virtue.

Though we have now brought this Venerable Doctor to his repository, and laid him in his silent **Grave**: yet there remaine some further offices due to his yet speaking Vertues and Graces. The smooth and faire Track whereof could not be so well insisted on in the foregoing considerations of him, as in *Via*, and that so salebrose and difficult by the Unevennesse and Asperity of the times he lived in: but doe now orderly lead us without any diversion, as he is in Glory, to the pursuit of his Fame and Memory.

In tendency whereunto it is requisite, to Enliven that Pourtraite of him prefixed to this Manuall, with some of those natural Graces which were unexpressible in him by the Pencill; withall to shew what a convenient Habitation learning and vertue had chosen, in

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which nothing could be complained of and faulted, but that they took it for so short a Term.

He was of Stature somewhat Tall, exceeding the meane, with a proportionable bigness to become it, but no way inclining to Corpulency: of an exact Straightnesse of the whole Body, and a perfect Symmetry in every part thereof. He was of a Sanguine constitution, which beautified his Face with a pleasant Ruddiness, but of so Grave and serious an aspect, that it Awed and Discourteened the smiling Attractes of that complexion. His Head Adorned with a comely Light.-Coloured Haire, which was so, by Nature exactly Curled (an Ornament enough of it self in this Age to Denominate a handsome person, and wherefore all Skill and Art is used,) but not suffered to overgrow to any length unseeming his modesty and Profession.

His

His Gate and Walking was very upright and graceful, becoming his well shapen Bulke: approaching something near to that we terme Majesticall; but that the Doctor was so well known to be void of any affectation or pride. Nay so Regardlesse was he of himselfe in his Garb and Rayment, in which no doubt his Vanity would have appeared, as well as in his stately pace: that it was with some trouble to himselfe, to be either Neat or Decent; it matter'd not for the outside, while he thought himself never too Curious and Nice in the Dresses of his mind:

Very Carelesse also he was to seeming inurbanity in the modes of Courtship and demeanour, deporting himself much according to the old *English* Guise, which for its ease and simplicity suited very well with the Doctor, whose time was designed for more Elaborate

As inobservant he was of persons, unlesse businesse with them ; or his concerns pointed them out and adverted him ; seeing and discerning were two things : often in several places, hath he met with Gentlemen of his nearest and greatest Acquaintance , at a full renconter and stop, whom he hath endeavoured to passe by, not knowing , that is to say, not minding of them, till rectifyed and recalled by their familiar compellations.

This will not (it may be presumed) and justly cannot be imputed unto any indisposednesse and unaptnesse of his Nature, which was so far from Rude and untractable, that it may be confidently averred, he was the most complacent person in the Nation, as his Converse and Writings , with such

such a freedome of Discourse and quick Jocundity of style, do sufficiently evince.

He was a perfect walking Library, and those that would finde delight in him must turn him; he was to be diverted from his present purpose with some urgency: and when once Unfixed and Unbent, his mind freed from the incumgency of his Study; no Man could be more agreeable to Civil and Serious mirth, which limits his most heightned Fancy never transgressed.

He had the happiness of a very Honourable, and that very numerous acquaintance, so that he was no way undisciplined in the Arts of Civility; yet he continued *semper idem*, which constancy made him alwaies acceptable to them.

At his Diet he was very sparing and temperate, but yet he allowed

himself the repasts and refreshings of two Meals a day : but no lover of Dainties, or the Inventions of Cookery: solid meats better fitting his strength of Constitution ; but from drink very much abstemious, which questionlesse was the cause of that uninterrupted Health he enjoyed till this his First and Last sicknesse : of which Felicity as he himself was partly the cause of by his exactnesse in eating and drinking , so did he the more dread the sudden infliction of any Disease, or other violence of Nature, fearing this his care might amount to a presumption, in the Eyes of the greas Disposer of all things, and so it pleased GOD it should happen.

But his great abstinence of all was from Sleep, and strange it was that one of such a Fleshy and sanguine composition, could over-watch so many heavy propense
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inclinations to Rest. For this in some sort he was beholden to his care in Diet aforesaid, (the full Vapours of a repletion in the Stomach ascending to the Brain, causing that usual Drowsiness we see in many) but most especially to his continual custome, use, and practise, which had so subdued his Nature, that it was wholly Governed by his Active and Industrious mind.

And yet this is a further wonder: he did scarcely allow himself, from his First Degree in the University any Recreation or Ease Exercise, no not so much as walking, but very Rare and Seldome; and that not upon his own choice, but as being compelled by friendly, yet, Forcible Invitations; till such time as the War posted him from place to place, and after that his constant attendance on the Presse in the Edition of his Books:

when was a question, which went the fastest, his Head or his Feet: so that in effect he was a very stranger, if not an Enemy to all pleasure.

Riding was the most pleasant, because his necessary convenience; the Doctors occasions, especially his last work, requiring Travel, to which he had so accustomed himself: so that this Diversion, (like Princes Banquets only to be lookt upon by them, not tasted of) was rather made such then enjoyed by him.

So that if there were any Felicity or Delight, which he can be truly said to have had: it was either in his Relations or in his Works. As to his Relations, certainly, no man was more a tender, more indulgent a Husband and a Father: his Conjugal Love in both matches being equally blest with the same Issue, kept a constant Tenour

Tenour in both Marriages, which he so improved, that the Harmony of his Affections still'd all Discord, and Charmed the noyse of passion.

Towards the Education of his Children, he was exceeding carefull, allowing them any thing conduced to that end, beyond the present measure of his estate; wch its well hoped will be returned to the Memory of so good a Father, in their early imitation of him in all those good Qualities and Literature, to which they have now such an Hereditary clayme.

As to his Books, which we usually call the Issue of the Brain, he was more then Fond, totally abandoning and forsaking all things to follow them. And yet if Correction and Severity (so this may beal owed the gravity of the Subject) be also the signes of Love; a stricter and more carefull hand

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was never used. True it is they did not grow up without some errors, like the Tares : nor can the most refined pieces of any of his Antagonists boast of perfection. He that goes an unknown and beaten Track in a Dubious way, though he may have good directions, yet if in the journey he chance to stray, cannot well be blamed; they have perchance plowed with his Heifer, and been beholden to those Authorities (for their Exceptions) which he first gave light to.

To his Neighbours and Friends he behaved himselfe with that chearfulness and plainnesse of Affection and respect, as deservedly gained him their Highest esteem: from the meanest to the highest he omitted nothing what to him belonged in his station, either in familiar correspondency, or necessary Visits: never suffering intre-

ties of that which either was his Duty, or in his power to perform. The quicknes of his apprehension helped by a Good Nature, presently fugested unto him (without putting them to the trouble of an *invenio*) what their severall Affairs required, in which he would spare no paynes: insomuch that it was a piece of Absolute Prudence to rely upon his Advice and Affiance. In a word, to his Superiours he was Dutifullly respectfull without Ceremony or Officiousnesse; to his equalls he was Discreetly respectful; without neglect or unsociableness, and to his Inferiours, (whom indeed he judged Christianly none to be) civilly respectfull without Pride or Disdain.

But all these so eminent vertues, and so sublimed in him were but as foyles to those excellent gifts wherewith God had endued his intellectualls. He had a

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memory of that vast comprehensiveness, that he is deservedly known for the first inventer of that Noble Art, whereof having left behind him no Rules, or directions, save, onely what fell from him in discours, no further account can be given, but a relation of some very rare experiments of it made by him.

He undertook once in passing to and fro from *Temple-bar* to the furthest *Conduit* in *Cheapside*, at his return again to tell every Signer as they stood in order on both sides of the way, repeating them either backward or forward, as they should chuse, which he exactly did, not missing or misplacing one, to the admiration of those that heard him.

The like also would he doe in words of different Languages, and of hard and difficult prolation, to any number whatsoever: but that

that which was most strange, and
very rare in him, was his way of
writing, which something like the
chinese, was from the top of the
page to the bottom: the manner
was. He would write near the
Margin the first words of every
line down to the Foot of the Pa-
per, then would be begining at the
head againe, fill up every one of
these Lines, which without any
interlineations or spaces but with
the full and equal length, would so
adjust the sense and matter, and
so aptly Connex and Conjoyn the
ends and beginnings of the said
Lines, that he could not do it bet-
ter, as he hath said, if he had writ-
all out in a Continuation.

The Treasury of this Happy
Memory was a very great Advan-
tage to his Preaching: but being
assisted with as Rich invention,
and extraordinary reading, did ab-
solutely compleat him for the
Pulpit.

Pulpit. His great stores both of Schoole and casse Divinity, both of History and Philosophy, of All Tongues, his Converse in the Scriptures, the Fathers and Humane Writings had so abundantly furnished him, that without other additaments he had beene very eminent among his function. Now all so happily met together, such a Constellation could portend no lesse then some wonder of men, who should be Famous in his Generation.

Not to omit to this purpose (however to the first intuition it may seem to the Reverend and Graver Divines a precipitancy, and a Venturous Rashnesse in any Man with such unprovidednesse to step into the Pulpit) that this Vulnerable Doctor, upon some sudden Emergent occasions, upon two hours warning, and upon a subject of his friends Choice, which was

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Knotty and very Difficult, hath performed the Task enjoyned him with much Accuratenesse; such is his Art of Method, besides that his understanding was strangely opened, for the unlocking and opening of Scriptures, which he would do very Genuinely and Evidently, and then Embellish his explication with curious variety of expression.

For his ordinary manner of teaching, it was in some kind different from the usuall Preachers method of most Ministers in those times; for he seldom made any excursions into the handling of common places, or drew his subject matter out at length, by any prolixely continued discourse: But the maine frame of his publicke SERMONS, if not wholly, consisted (after some briefe and genuine resolution of the Context and Explication of the Terms, where

where need required, of Notes and Observations with much variety and great dexterity drawn immediately from the Text, and naturally without constraint, issuing or flowing either from the maine body, or from the several parts of it, with some useful Applications annexed thereunto; which though either of them long insisted upon, yet were wont with that vivacity to be propounded and pressed by him, as well might, and oft did pierce deep into the Hearts of his Hearers, and not only rectifie and clear their Judgements, but have a powerful work also upon their Affections.

Nor was it his manner to quote many Scriptures, finding it troublesome to himself, and supposing it would be so to his Auditors also; besides deeming it the lesse needfull, in regard that his observations being grounded immediately

mediately on the Scripture he handled, & by necessary consequence thence deduced, seemed to receive proof sufficient from it.

A Constant form of prayer he used, as in his Family, so in his publique Ministry ; onely varying or adding, upon speciall occasions, as occurences intervening required, because not only hesitation (which the Good *Doctor* for all his strength of Memory, and invention, was afraid of before so awful a presence as the Majesty of Heaven) was in prayer more offensive then other discourse ; but because such excursions in that Duty, in the Extempore way, were become the Idol of the Multitude.

In his mixt Contemplations, read these words ; Let such new Practi-
cals as are to be brought into our Church, be for a time Candidates and Probationers on their good

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behaviour, to see how the temper of people will fit them, and they fadge with it, before they be publickly enjoyned.

Let them be like Saint *Paul's* Deacons, *1 Tim. 3.* first be proved, then be used, if found blameless. I cannot therefore but commend the Discretion of such Statesmen, who knowing the directory to be but a stranger, and considering the great inclination the Generality of our Nation had to the Common-Prayer, made their Temporary Act to stand in force but for three years.

He could as well declare his mind and errand, and of all others likewise, with as much plainnesse, clearnesse, and (which is more) reverence, as any of those, who cryed up the Spirit, and their own way in opposition to the Laws and the Judgement of Antiquity; so to take the people with their new

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Fangled words and licentious easiness of discoursing with GOD Almighty, whose Attributes they squared to their Petitions, that it be not said, Wills.

As he was an Enemy to the inventions of men, obtruded upon the Blessed Spirit in that irreverend and profane manner of praying and revelation ; so was he likewise on the other side a professed and avowed adversary to the Massie and Traditions, which caused him no little Slander and Obloquie. But the Spirit of this pious *Doctor* was exceedingly stirred in him against all *Popish* Insinuators ; because he was too sensible that through the mad zeale of the Vulgar, whom they had by Jesuitical practises inflamed, the House of God in these Kingdomes was set in combustion.

Therefore with much Prudence, Courage and Boldnesse, did he

every where in his Books, as occasion offered, Unmask the deceits and designes, resist and curb the pride; convince and lay open the errors of the Church of *Rome*; though he never wrote any thing particularly by way of Controversie against it, because as he said there was no end of it; and more then sufficient had already been wrote; if any ingenuity had been in the adherents of that Sea, to have submitted to Truth.

Nor was there ever any of that Religion, who were so hardy, as to Challenge or Tax the Doctor but Obliquely, for any thing wherewith he had charged them, either of Apostacy, Heresie, or manifest Idolatry; their abuse of Antiquity in their Rasures and Additions, which did very often occur to him in most of his books: from which they were sure to hear of them to the purpose. It much

much rejoiced the Roman Party, when that misunderstanding hap-
ned betwixt Doctor *Heylin* and himself, about his Ecclesiastical Hi-
story, though they caught no fish in those Troubled Waters ; while
they tossed of their proud billowes forward and backward, the Pro-
testant Cause was, safely Anchored and Moared between them.

And as he never had occasion to engage in any Polemical discourse with any of that Party ; so in these miserable bandyings of our late unhappy times, did he alwaiers refrain from stickling in any side, though it was sufficiently known how firmly grounded and addict to the true Protestant Religion ; in opposition to the innovations of *Presbytery*, and the *Schisme of Independency*, against whom also he had a zeale, but allayed with a greater compassion, then to the *Papist*, distinguishing betwixt the

*The Life of
Seducers and the Seduced*: whom notwithstanding he did very severely deal withal in his writings; one instance whereof take in his mixt Contemp. I am sad that I may add with too much truth, that one man will at last be divided in himself, distracted often betwixt many Opinions; that what is reported of *Tostatus* lying on his Death Bed. *In multitudine controversiarum non habuit quod crederet*, amongst the Multitude of persuasions, through which he had passed, he knew not where to call Anchor, and fix himself at Last. So that he may be said to have been a Right-Handed Enemy to the stubborn *Romanist*, and a Left Handed one to the cunning Sectary.

He was wont to call those controversies concerning Episcopacy, and the new invented Arguments against the Church of *England*, with

with the Answers and Refutation thereof, Ἡμέραι things of a daies Life and of no permanency ; the Church being built upon a Rock, as no stormes could shake or move it, so needed it not any Defences of Art or Learning: Being of the same mind with Sir *Henry Wootton*, *Disputandi pruritus, Scabies Ecclesia.*

He was wholly conversant during the Broiles and Dissentions of the Clergy, in the thoughts and considerations of that Text : *Let your Moderation be known to all men*, on which place he once Preached a while before his Majesties Restitution to a very great Auditory ; little imagining the subsequent words, for *the Lord is at hand*, were so near the fulfilling in the merciful Visitations of G O D towards these Miserable Nations.

In this he was the same still, but

more sollicitous in the Glimmering of that happy Revolution : when he plainly saw how indispensably necessary , the mutuall condiscents of all parties, were to the establishment & consolidating of Peace : (Mixt Contemplation, to this purpose againe) *Peace in our Land, like st. Paul at Athens, betwixt two Sects of Philosophers, is now like to be Encountred with two such opposite Parties : such as are for the Liberties of a Commonwealth, and such as are for an absolute Monarchy in the full length thereof. But I hope neither of them both are so considerable in their number, Parts and Influences on the People ; but that the Moderate Party Advocates for Peace, will prevaile for the settling thereof.* Ibidem. *The Episcopall Party doth desire and expect that the Presbyterian should remit of his Rigidnesse, in order to an expedient between them ; the Presbyterians require,*

quire, that the Episcopall side abate of their Authority to advance an Accommodation. But some on both sides are so wedded to their willfulness, stand so stiffe on their Judgements, are so hot and high in their Passions, they will not part with the least Punctilio in their Opinions and Practises: such Mens judgements cannot pretend to the exactnesse of the Gibeonites, Judg. 10. 16: that they hit the Mark of an hairs bredth, and faile not: yet will they not abate an Hairs bredth in order to Unity; they will take all, but tender nothing: make motions with their Mouthes, but none with their Feet for Peace, not stirring a step towards it — Oh that we could see some Proffers and Performances of Condescension on either side, and then let others who remaine obstinate, be branded with P E R E Z, Gen. 38. 29. the Breach be upon them.

Thus the Good Doctors bent and resolutions, were for a faire and

and mutual complyance, out of a tender Jealousie of this Divided Church: seeing other Men resolved, indeed, into an obſtrinate perſistance and adherence to their Opinions, who would rather rashly cut the Gordian knot of Union and Concord, to fullfil the doubtful Oracles of their own Judge-
ment, then leasurly and with pati-
ence endeavour the *Untying* of it,
which would set the Church of
God at perfect *Liberty*, and re-
lease it from the Violence of preju-
diced and captiv'd Reason.

How much this lay upon his Spirit, being the *Benjamin* of his Love above all other Duties and Necessities in a Christian Conver-
fation, or Government, may seem further tedious to relate; but because it is so Genuine a Traict of his Elegant Pen, and so like him: it is hoped that this Excellent fea-
ture Copied here, in this Rude
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Transcript of him, may be of delight. (amidst the Massie and Undigestednesse of these Collections) to the curious Reader — In my Fathers time there was a Fellow of *Trinity Colledge* in *Cambridge*, a Native of *Carleton* in *Leicestershire*: where the people through some occult cause, are troubled with a *Wharling* in their Throats, so that they cannot plainly pronounce the Letter *R*. This Schollar being consciouſ of his infirmity, made a Latine Oration of the usual ex- pected length, without an *R*. therein: and yet did he not only select words fit for his easie pro- nuntiation, but also as pure and expressive for signification: to shew that men might speak with- out being beholden to the Dogs Letter — Our *English* Pulpits for these last Eighteen years have had in them too much caninal anger vented by snapping and scarling Spirits

Spirits on both sides. But if you *Bite and Devour one another*, saith the Apostle, Gal. 5.15. take heed ye be not Devoured one of another—

Think not that our Sermons must be silent if not satyrical, as if Divinity did not afford smooth subjects enough to be seasonably insisted on in this Juncture of Time; let us try our skill, whither we cannot *Preach* without any Dog Letter, or Biting Word; the Art is half Learned by intending, and wholly by serious endeavouring of it—*I am sure that such soft Sermons will be more easie for the tongue of the Preacher in pronouncing them; less grating to the Eares of Pious People that bear them: and most edifying to the Heart of both Speaker and Hearer.*—Again and for all—

Oh may the State be pleased so farre to reflect on this Isaac, as to settle the inheritance on him. Let *Protestant Religion* be onely countenanced

tenanced by Law : be owned and acknowledged for the received Religion of the Nation: — As for other Sects the Sons of *Keturah*, we grudge not that Gifts be bestowed on them : Let them have a Toleration (and that I assure you is a great gift indeed) and be permitted peaceably , but privately to enjoy their Consciences, both in Opinions and Practises : such Favour may safely , not to say ought justly be afforded unto them so long as they continue peaceably in our *Israel*, and not disturb the State.

This is the rather inserted, both for the cautelousnesse of the Expression he used, and which those times required: & by which discreet and amicable way, our Differences and Breaches were likeliest to be made up ; the Disguises of words to the undeceiving of a misled *People* into the right way of their Felicity : who

who had all along been driven with Speeches and such like Parliament Oratory, being the easiest Method of introducing that *Peace* which by the same Arts was Violated. Storms begin from, and end in Calmes; the gentle breathings of soft and temperate Spirits commencing the outrages of other mens violent passions, and terminating and stopping their Fury.

This was a Charitable, and also a Reasonable and political Designe of the Doctor, very well applyed in the Crisis of that Distemper: whose acute pains, in the stripping of those people of their Illegall possessions and purchases, (though in time they might and would Naturally and Centrally returne to their just Owners) were to be Alleviated and Eased by some healing Balsome: not to be Lanced and Exasperated by the sharp and

and keen incisions of invectives and Exprobations; those Tumors and Swellings of Usurped Estates being better to be laid by Lenitives and Suppling Oyles, then to be eaten away by Corrosives, or Cut off by cruel instruments.

This Policy, more eminent in illustrious persons (though not the Charity of the Good Doctor) GOD succeeded in that juncture of Time, by amusing the most considerable persons, as well as the generality of the engaged Rebells and party, into a supinenesse, or (which was the greater work of providence, that doth commonly go by a Method) confident reliance on the Kings Grace and Kindnesse. Those who would not trust his Blessed Father, though under confirmation of his Royal Seal, and Word, to be further strengthned by their own Authority in Parliament, were quiet

quiet and contented in the onely bare expectation, what his Royal Sonne would promise them.

But the Doctors Charity as before, though so extensive, was far over-reached by that Liberty of Conscience, which, interest and self-will, and the *Pride of Schisme*, stretcht beyond all convenient or reasonable Limits: his condescensions, to such as went by the name of *Tender Christians*, signifying no more then some *Acts of Grace* and *Pardon* lately passed: So that all the good the Doctor did in that respect, was to himself: the benefit of that *Love and Charity* being returned and multiplied on him to his Everlasting comfort.

But what the measure of his Charity could not fullfill, was made up in his *Piety* and constant Intercession: that they might prove such, as he in his best thoughts had wished them; He was

was most earnest in this duty of Prayer, and his often Accesles to that Mercy Seate, had made it a place of acquaintance and free reception. As his Study importuned him at very unreasonable Hours, so it opportunued his Devotion, in the early and late Sacrifices, which he indispensably and firstly offered to the *God of Heaven*: a phrase for its comprehensiveness of the Divine Majesty, in the Glory and perfection of it above all other his Creatures, very familiar and usuall with the Doctor, by way of *Emphasis*, or Reverend instance.

If it may passe here without any Rigid Adversion; a very excellent passage of the Doctors (in the beginning of the *Anarchy*, under a *Commonwealth*) would seek admittance, having relation to this Duty in hand. Soon after the Kings Death he Preached in a Church

near London, and a Person then in great power, now Levelled with his Fellowes, was present at the Sermon ; In his *Prayer* before which, he said — *God in his due Time settle our Nation on the true Foundation thereof.* The then Great Man demanded of him, what he meant by the true Foundation ? he Answered, he was no Lawyer, nor Statesmen, and therefore skill in such matters could not be expected from him. But being pressed further to explain himself, whether thereby he did not intend the King, *Lords* and *Commons*, he answered, that — *It was a part of his Prayer to GOD who had more knowledge then he ignorance in all things; that he knew what was the True Foundation;* and so remitted the Factious Querist to Gods Wisedome and Goodness.

This was a kind of his experiments in *Prayer*, which were many and

and very observable ; GOD often answering his desires in kind, and that immediately when he was in some distresses ; and Gods prvidence in taking care and providing for him in his whole course of Life, wrought in him a firme resolution to depend upon him, in what Condition so ever he should be ; and he found that providence to continue in that Tenour, to his last end. Indeed he was wholly possest with a holy Fear of, and reliance in GOD, was conscientiable in his private Duties, and in sanctifying the Sabbath, being much offended at its *Prophanation* by disorderly Men, and that both in reference to the Glory of GOD, and the scandal brought on the Church of *England*, as it allowed, (as some have impudently affirmed) such wicked licentiousnesse. For his own particular, very few Sundays there

were in the year in which he Preached not twice; besides the duties performed in his own house, or in his attendance on those Noble persons, to whom successively he was Chaplain.

So that if he had not been helped by a more then Officious Memory, which devoured all the Books he read, and digested them to easie nutriment, that supplyed all the parts and the whole body of his Learning, for his service and furtherance of his Labours; it had been impossible, but that the Duties he performed as a Divine, must have hindred and jostled out those his happy productions as a most Compleat Historian; which study, being tyed to the *series* and *Catenation* of Time and Truth, could ill brook, or break through those Avocations, though no doubt it thrived the better under the kindly influence of his Devotion. It

It will make it also the lesse wonder, why a Man of so Great merit, and such conspicuous Worth, should never arrive to any eminent Honour, and Dignity, or Church Revenue, save that of *Prebend in Salisbury*, being also of competent Age, to become the Gravity of such preferments: For he could not afford to seek great matters for himself, who designed his All, for the publique good and the concerns of his precious Soule: Questionlesse he could not have wanted Friends to his advancement, if he would have pursued such ends, who would have been as great furtherers of himselfe out of a particular affection, (which is alwaies ambitious of laying such obligations upon Vertue) to his person, as they had assisted him in his works and Labours.

He was reward and recompence enough to himself, and for his fame and

and Glory certainly he computed it the best way, tis the Jewel that graces the Ring, not so contrary. High places are levelled in death, and crumble into dust, leaving no impression of those that possessed them, and are onely retrievable to posterity by some excellent pour-traits of their nobler part; wherein it will on all hands be confess, the Doctor hath absolutely drawn himself beyond the excellentest counterfeit of Art, and which shall outlive all addition of monument, and outflourish the pomp of the lasting'st sepulchrall glory.

But had the worthy Doctor but some longer while survived, to the fruition of that quiet and settlement of the Church, of which by Gods goodness and favour, we have so full a prospect, and that the crowd of suiters for Ecclesiastical promotions, had left thronging and importuning their great friends

friends to the stifling and smothering of modest merit, it may be presumed the Royal bounty would favourably have reflected on and respected that worth of the Doctor (which was so little set by and regarded of himself in his contested obscurity) by a convenient placing and raising of that light to some higher Orb from whence he should have dilated and dispensed his salutiferous rayes and influences:

Some little time after his death his course would have come to have preached before his Majesty, for which the Doctor made preparations, and that most probably would have proved a fit opportunity of notifying himself to the King; whose most judicious and exact observation the remarques of the Doctors learned preaching would have happily suited. This honour was designed him before

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by a Right Noble Lord, in whose
retinue as Chaplain he went over
to the *Hague*, at the reduction of his
Majesty, into these his Kingdoms.
But the hast and dispatch which
that great Affair required in the
necessity of the Kings presence
here, afforded him not the effect of
that Honourable intendment.
But what he was disappointed of
here, is fully attained by his hap-
py appearance before the King of
Kings, to praise and magnifie
him, and to sing Halelujahs for
ever.

So *ADIEK* to that Glory of
the Doctor, which is incommuni-
cable with the World; and *Ave*
and all *Prosperity* be to those his re-
mains, which he hath to the Gene-
ral advantage of *Learning* and *Piety*,
most Liberally imparted.

Too Customary were it, to re-
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cite the several kinds and sorts of Honourable *Epithets*, w^{ch} his equal Readers have fixt on him; but this under Favour, may be assigned peculiarly to him, that no man performed any thing of such difficulty as his undertakings, with that *Delight* and *Profit*, which were as the *Gemelli* and *Twins* of his hard *Labour*, and superfætations of wit, not distinguishable but by the thred of his own *Art*, which clied men into their several and distinct appartments.

And so impertinent it will be to engage further in a particular account of his Books, whose sure and perpetual Duration needs not the Minutes of this Biography, especially that his ultimate piece, and partly Posthumous, (his often mentioned Book, the *Worthies Generall of England*) whose designe was drawn by Eternity; commencing

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mencing from their (before) un-
known Originals, and leading in-
to an *Ocean of New Discoveries*. And
may some happy, as hardy Pen at-
tempt the Continuation.

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